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|                   | 8        | 01/03/2007            | 09/964,883                     | 026880-00034        |
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|                   | 11       | 06/15/2005            | 09/964,883                     | 026880-00034        |
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|                   | 66       | 06/16/2004            | 09/722,456                     | 026880-00012        |  |
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|                   | 112      | 03/28/2006            | 09/391,461                     | 026880-00032        |  |
|                   | 113      | 06/15/2005            | 09/391,461                     | 026880-00032        |  |
|                   | 114      | 06/30/2004            | 09/391,461                     | 026880-00032        |  |
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|                   | 117      | 02/08/2008            | 09/344,499                     | 026880-00014        |  |
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|                   | 119      | 12/15/2006            | 09/344,499                     | 026880-00014        |  |
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|                   | 172      | 08/18/2008            | 09/237,827                     | 026880-00013        |  |

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|                   | 200      | ISR dated 04/05/1995 for PCT/US94/13808             | PCT/US94/13808     | PCT     | 026880-00144        |
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